I thank my colleague for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, today our Nation is engaged in a struggle with a brutal

and cold-blooded enemy, cold-blooded killers. These are the kinds of

folks who will kill people on an airplane and fly it into buildings.

They will drive a car through a checkpoint, step out of the car, leave

the kids in the back seat, and blow it up. They will attack civilians

rather than military targets.

It is utter folly to believe that by establishing timelines and

saying we are going to pull out today or at some specified date in the

future, to believe that by doing that they will evaporate and they will

leave us alone.

Maybe it is another good cop-bad cop type of ploy being employed by

individuals on the other side of the aisle when the majority leader in

the other body today declares the war is lost, conceding that al Qaeda

has won. Is the other side willing to concede that al Qaeda has won in

Iraq, that they have won in Algeria, that they have won in Morocco,

that they have won in Afghanistan and that they have won in Pakistan?

When do they believe is the most appropriate time to confront the

enemy that we face today, if we are not willing to confront them in

Iraq, if we are not willing to confront them in northern Africa and the

other parts of the Middle East or Asia? Are we going to once again wait

until they come to the United States?

This is hard and it is tough, but these are cold-blooded, ruthless

killers. It is probably inappropriate to call this a war, because the

people that we're fighting don't deserve the term of ``soldier'' or

``warriors.'' They are outlaws, they are criminals, and we cannot

concede this to them, like the majority leader in the other body did

today. Today, he sent a powerful signal to the rest of the world and to

our allies that al Qaeda has won and we have lost. How will our allies

respond to that message?

This motion to recommit is at least a little bit better in that it

says we haven't lost, but we're willing to soon surrender and give up

this fight. It is a fight that we can't afford to lose. It is a fight

that we need to win.

Take a look at what they said. This is in their playbook. Defeat this

motion to recommit.